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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 111.

FRIDAY, 10TH OCTOBER, 1952.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Commonwealth Grants Commission—Nineteenth Report, 1952.  
Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of the Interior—W. F. Buscombe.

3. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate:—

[*Appropriation Bill 1952-53*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 133.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-three, and to appropriate the Supplies granted by the Parliament for that year*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

EDWARD MATTNER,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 9th October, 1952.

[*Appropriation (Works and Services) Bill 1952-53*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 134.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-three, for the purposes of Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure and to appropriate the Supplies granted by the Parliament for that year*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

EDWARD MATTNER,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 10th October, 1952, a.m.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—STATES GRANTS BILL 1952.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker:—

W. J. McKELL,  
Governor-General.

*Message No. 89.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund sums for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the States of South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania.

Canberra, 9th October, 1952.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund sums for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the States of South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

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Sir Arthur Fadden moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Sir Arthur Fadden, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir Arthur Fadden and Mr. Eric J. Harrison do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Sir Arthur Fadden then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Sir Arthur Fadden moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Calwell moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

5. PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS BILL 1952.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—  
Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

*(In the Committee.)*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Earle Page (Minister for Health), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 4 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 5, Government Business.

7. NORTHERN TERRITORY (ADMINISTRATION) BILL 1952.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—  
Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

*(In the Committee.)*

Clause 1—

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—NORTHERN TERRITORY (ADMINISTRATION) BILL 1952.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. J. MCKELL,  
*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 90.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1910-1949*.

Canberra, 9th October, 1952.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

*(In the Committee.)*

Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Territories) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1910-1949*.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Hasluck, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

9. NORTHERN TERRITORY (ADMINISTRATION) BILL 1952.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

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*(In the Committee.)*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.  
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Territories), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-six minutes past three o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Adermann\*, Mr. Andrews, Mr. Anthony\*, Mr. Bate, Mr. Bird, Mr. Bland, Mr. W. M. Bourke, Mr. Bryson, Mr. T. P. Burke, Mr. Casey, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Clarey, Mr. Cremean, Mr. Davies, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Duthie\*, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Francis, Mr. Grayden, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kent Hughes, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McDonald\*, Mr. McEwen, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Mullens, Mr. O'Connor\*, Mr. Pearce, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Rosevear\* and Mr. Wheeler.

\* On leave.

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F. C. GREEN,  
*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*